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MEMORANDUM

To: R - Mr. William Trueheart
Via: OLI - Mr. Sidney Buford, III
From: BI - L. Douglas Heck
Subject: Correspondence from the Department of the Army and CIA
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Attached for Mr. Armstrong's signature is a letter commenting on the correspondence you recently referred to BI. This letter has been cleared with Mr. Nicholson of SY.

Two courses of action seemed available in preparing our reply. One involved commenting in detail on the Army's proposal which has some merit but is poorly conceived and on CIA's reply which has several inaccuracies and in part gives very superficial consideration to the problem. The other possibility was to express general agreement with the Army's suggestion for a survey and to recommend that the study be broadened to include several other equally important problems requiring attention. We chose the latter alternative and felt that it was sufficient at this time merely to suggest these additional problems without describing them in detail or revealing our own position concerning them.

If you agree with this approach and if CIA's reply is favorable it will, of course, then be necessary to develop a full statement for presentation to CIA. I have already informed Mr. Nicholson that we hope he will work closely with us so that the Department will speak with one voice on these issues and he has agreed to do so.

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